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SENATE RESOLUTION 108

By Kurita

A RESOLUTION to recognize Miss Gina Marie Ray, 2000 Co-Salutatorian of Cheatham County Central High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those persons who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Miss Gina Marie Ray is one such exceptional student who was recently named co-salutatorian of the 2000 graduating class at Cheatham County Central High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and unyielding commitment of time and talent, Gina has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Gina Marie has earned an exemplary 3.96 grade point average, while actively participating in various extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, Miss Ray has exhibited her athletic ability as a four-year member of her high school's volleyball team; during her junior year, she served as the junior varsity captain and as the varsity co-captain during her senior year. She is the two-time recipient of the Scholar

Athlete Award and due to her athletic prowess, she was voted “Best Server” by her teammates during her senior year; and

WHEREAS, this 1998 Fairest of the Fair pageant queen is also a member of the FFA; having attended both the 1999 State FFA Convention and the 1999 National FFA Convention, Gina Marie was very active in her school’s FFA chapter. She was elected Chapter Secretary for the school year 1999-2000, was a member of the Soil Judging Team, participated in Land Surveying, and used her vast leadership skills as a primary organizer and leader in her chapter’s annual fruit fundraising sale; and

WHEREAS, Gina is also a member of the Beta Club, where she helped raise money for a muscular dystrophy philanthropy, she also serves as a member of Mu Alpha Theta, as a two-year member of FCA, and as an Academic Decathlon Team member during both her junior and senior years. During her senior year, Gina earned bronze medals at the 2000 mid-state competition for her excellence in the subjects of Social Science and Mathematics; and

WHEREAS, Miss Ray’s display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; she has been included in the publication *Who’s Who Among American High School Students*, and has been conferred the English Merit Award and the Scholar Athlete Award; and

WHEREAS, an extremely giving person who epitomizes the time-honored tradition of volunteerism that has earned this state the nickname of the “Volunteer State,” Miss Ray has been a leader in organizing a fundraiser for the Leukemia Society, through which the school and community raised over \$700 for the fight against leukemia; she has also participated in the Palm Sunday Paper Drive, the “Toys for Tots” drive, as well as having adopted an Angel at Christmas every year; and

WHEREAS, Gina’s noteworthy achievements are a tremendous source of pride for her parents, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Gina Marie Ray’s dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend and honor 2000 Cheatham County Central High School Co-Salutatorian, Miss Gina Marie Ray, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.